

Re: printer cartridge replacement reality

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On Wed, 24 Aug 2005 16:58:40 -0700, "Joel Kolstad" <JKolstad71HatesSpam@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

>"Robert Baer" <robertbaer@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>[news:e13Pe.496\\$Wd7.363@xx](mailto:news:e13Pe.496$Wd7.363@xx)
>> Questions:
>> What is the story concerning HP printers in general?
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>Depends on the model. Some of the newer models use "chipped" cartridges with
>unique IDs, and once the printers decides that they're empty, it'll refuse to
>use them again. However, the printer itself remembers the cartridge IDs and I
>seem to recall it only remembers something like the last two you've used, so
>it's easy to fool by keeping a set of three cartridges around and rotating
>their usage (a good idea anyway). Alternatively, you can find on the 'net
>which pins on the cartridge to cover up so as to foil reading the ID
>completely, and --- happily --- HP decided that it was better to just keep
>printing anyway in such cases rather than refusing to print at all.
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>> Can one use hundreds of cartridges until the printer *really* wears out?
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>I believe so. I have a DeskJet 6127 that just keeps on printing even though
>it's been whining at me that there's "0% black ink left!" for many months now
>(I've refilled it twice...)
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>In terms of user-unfriendliness towards refilling, I think that Epson is the
>worst, HP is in the middle, and Canon is the friendliest. For <\$120, a Canon
>ip6000d is one heck of a deal (auto duplexing, two paper trays, built in
>memory card reader & color LCD, etc.), the cartridges are translucent and --- I
>believe, haven't done it myself yet --- easy to refill.
>
>---Joel Kolstad
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Must be nice to have so little work that you have time on your hands to waste on questionable-quality refill kits.

Me, I just log into OfficeMax.com, make a few clicks, and a new cartridge appears at my door the next day, no shipping charges.

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If I used a refill kit it would save me about 5 minutes of income and take me 15 minutes to do the task. Hardly worth the effort.

...Jim Thompson

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